Man is certainly crazy. He could not make a mite, and he makes gods by the dozen.

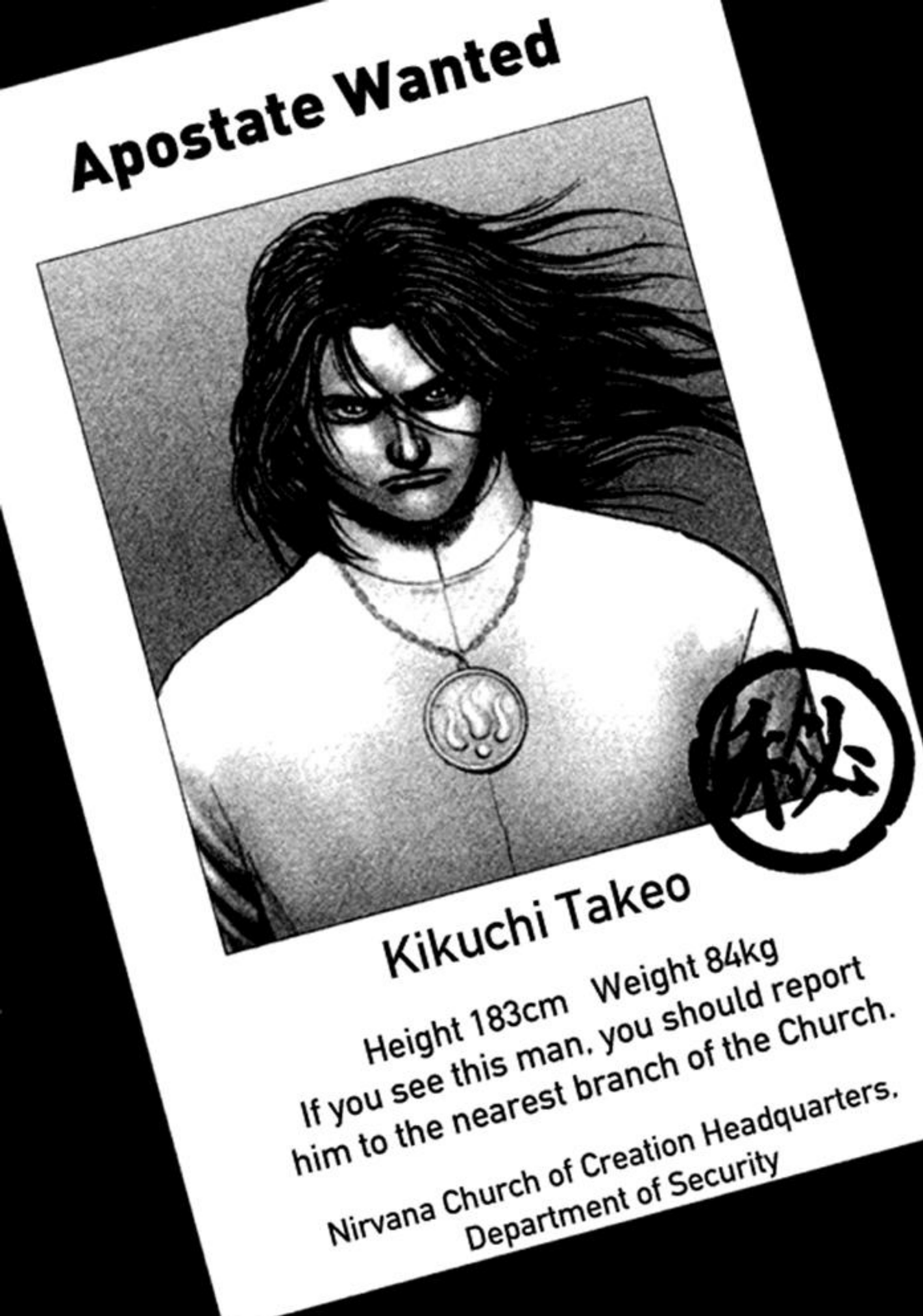
-Michel de Montaigne. French Philosopher (1533-1592)

Chapter 01
Kikuchi Takeo

DOKURO
—毒狼—

猿渡哲也

Saruwatari Tetsuya


Apostate Wanted
Kikuchi Takeo
Height 183cm Weight 84kg
If you see this man, you should report him to the nearest branch of the Church.
Nirvana Church of Creation Headquarters.
Department of Security

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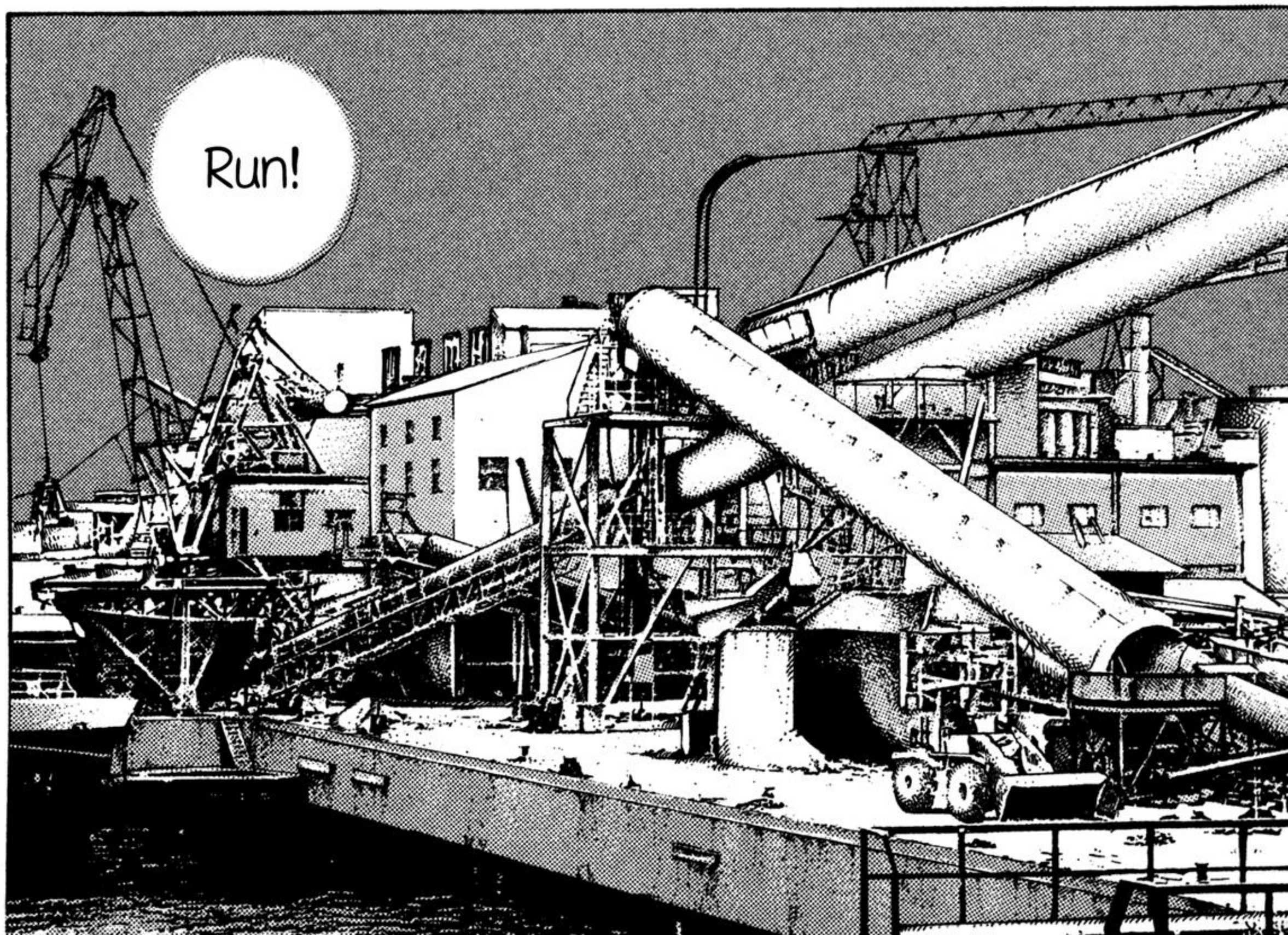
As a religious corporation's tax rate is 10.5% lower than an ordinary corporation, many of them are involved in a variety of economic activities, ranging from buying and selling goods and real estate, and money lending, to operating brothels and love hotels. It's said that in some seedy parts, criminal organizations are using religion as a front to conceal their activities. It is also said that politicians have joined a number of religious organizations out of their desire for money and votes.

Reference: "Yearly Evaluation of Religion, 2003 Edition", compiled by the Agency of Cultural Affairs.

The most lucrative business in the country is... Religion. There are currently over 200,000 religious organizations in this country (including religious corporations). Preferential tax breaks are given to religious corporations, and funeral services, memorial services, donations, and real estate earnings are exempted from taxation.

Japan is truly a heaven for religions.


Run!

Run away!

Run!

Run away from God!

HAH

HAH

HAH

HAH

OH, NO!

!

SFX: Frushhh

YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN GET AWAY, MR. WAKABAYASHI?

WE HAVE GOD ON OUR SIDE.

GOD WILL JUDGE THE APOSTATE.

I PROMISE I WON'T TELL CHURCH SECRETS TO ANYONE!

NO... PLEASE, JUST LET ME GO!

SFX: Dash

SFX: Swish

SFX: Slash

SFX: Splurt

GAHHH!

SFX: Swish / Whoosh

SFX: Splurt

WAHHH! MY EYES! MY EYES!

GET OUT OF MY WAY! OR DO YOU WANT HIM TO DIE, TOO!?

OHHH!

AHHH!

YOU ARE FROM THE CHURCH SECURITY DEPARTMENT'S CANIS DIVISION, AFTER ALL.

YOU ARE QUITE TALENTED IN MARTIAL ARTS...

DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU CAN DO IT?

IT'S A SHAME THAT WE HAVE TO KILL YOU.

WE HAVE THE INITIATIVE.

YOUR WIFE AND SON ARE IN THE CHURCH'S HANDS.

I SURE LOVE CHILDREN.

YOU KNOW, MR. WAKABA-YASHI?

THERE'S JUST NOTHING THAT CAN REPLACE A CHILD. YOU DID ESCAPE THE CHURCH FOR YOUR FAMILY, DIDN'T YOU, MR. WAKABAYASHI?

OKAY... YOU WIN. I'LL REJOIN THE CHURCH. J... JUST PLEASE, HAVE MERCY!

SFX: Clang

SFX: Stab

AND YOU KNOW WHAT THE LAW SAYS ABOUT CANIS DESERTERS.

YOU WERE IN CANIS.

YOU WEREN'T JUST A LAYMAN.

SFX: Stab Stab

SFX: Stab Stab

SFX: Stab Stab

HE'S GONE SWIMMING WITH YOUR WIFE...

W... WHAT ABOUT MY SON?

DEEP DOWN IN THE OCEAN...

!

SFX: Stab Stab

DID YOU KNOW THAT AN AVERAGE OF TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY PEOPLE DISAPPEAR EVERY DAY? THAT'S OVER ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND EVERY YEAR.

SFX: Ahhhhhhh!!

NO ONE WOULD NOTICE YOUR FAMILY'S SUDDEN DISAPPEARANCE.

WHAT!?

キィーン

SFX: Clang

WHO'S THERE!?

IS THERE SOMEONE OUT THERE!?

SFX: Swish

HUH!?

キュル

HGAAHH!

SFX: Grab

SFX: Whirl

SFX: Swish Swish

WHAT THE HELL...!?

The Nirvana Church of Creation.

WHO IS THAT, MOTHER?

Master Kanehira Aiichiro

HE IS OUR GOD.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU.

WELCOME.

SFX: Flap Flap

ACCORDING TO BUDDHIST MORALITY, THERE IS AN "EIGHTFOLD PATH", WHICH ARE THE EIGHT RIGHT PATHS.

FIRST, "RIGHT VIEW": TO HAVE THE RIGHT THOUGHTS. "RIGHT INTENTION": TO BE RIGHT IN HEART. "RIGHT SPEECH": TO BE RIGHT IN THE WORDS YOU SPEAK. "RIGHT ACTION": TO ACT RIGHT. "RIGHT LIVELIHOOD": THE RIGHT LIFESTYLE WILL COME FROM A RIGHT HEART, SPEAKING THE RIGHT WORDS, AND DOING THE RIGHT ACTIONS. "RIGHT EFFORT": TO EXERT THE RIGHT WORK. "RIGHT MINDFULNESS": TO SET A CONCRETE GOAL. AND FINALLY, "RIGHT CONCENTRATION": TO FOCUS YOUR MIND.

MORALITY IS ALWAYS SUPPORTED BY RELIGION. THIS GOES FOR CHRISTIANITY, AND THIS GOES FOR BUDDHISM. WE COULD NOT LIVE WITHOUT MORALITY.

IF THERE WAS NO RIGHT OR WRONG, THAT MEANS PEOPLE COULD KILL THEIR OWN CHILDREN AND PARENTS. THIS WORLD WOULD BE AN AWFUL PLACE.

INDEED, YOU WILL BE PERSECUTED AND SCORNED.

BUT IN SPITE OF YOUR DESIRE TO FOLLOW THE RIGHT PATH, IF THE WORLD IS HEADING INTO DISORDER, NO ONE WILL ACCEPT YOU NO MATTER HOW RIGHT YOUR WORDS.

MOTHER, IS THAT MAN GOD?

YES, HE'S THE GOD WHO SAVED US FROM SUFFERING AND WORRY.

YOU HAD A VERY HIGH FEVER.

YOU KNOW, TAKEO, YOU CAUGHT AN UNKNOWN DISEASE SOON AFTER YOU WERE BORN.

BUT IT WAS ONE OF HIS DISCIPLES WHO SAVED YOU.

I TOOK YOU TO SEVERAL HOSPITALS, BUT YOU WOULDN'T GET BETTER.

NOW DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHY WE HAVE TO BE GRATEFUL TO HIM, TAKEO?

My mother was always so kind and beautiful...

BUT WE MUST ALWAYS MAINTAIN OUR LOVE, PEACE, AND MERCY, NO MATTER WHAT PERSECUTION WE FACE,

IN THIS WAY, RELIGIONS HAVE BEEN OPPRESSED COUNTLESS TIMES OVER THE CENTURIES.

JUST AS A GREAT, BEAUTIFUL, AND PURE LOTUS FLOWER BLOOMS FROM A MUDDY POND.

Black SFX: Clap Clap White SFX: Yeah!

Until she met Him.

DO YOU KNOW WHO WE ARE, BASTARD!?

SFX: Dash

YOU SEEM PRETTY FAMILIAR.

SFX: Swish

SFX: Grab

SFX: Rip

SFX: Grab

SFX: Snap / Crack

YOU CAN'T BE...

SFX: Thud

SFX: Crack Crack Crack

THE CANIS DESERTER ...

KIKUCHI TAKEO!?

SFX: Yank

SFX: Swish

НУАВШН!

Say your fucking prayers...

SFX: Whoosh

AHHH!

UGH!

SFX: Fwoosh

SFX: Shatter

SFX: Rip Rip

To that hypocrite who claims to be God...

SFX: Thud

SFX: Swish Swish

SFX: Swish Swish

I... I'M DONE FOR... MY INTERNAL ORGANS ARE COMING OUT...

I... IT HURTS...

S... SO YOU... ARE KIKUCHI TAKEO...

C... CODE NAME... VENOM WOLF...

PLEASE... TAKE ME OUT OF MY MISERY...

S... SEND ME TO THE NEXT LIFE...

SFX: Cough

WHERE MY SON IS...

SFX: Gasp

I'M BEGGING YOU...

SNAP

There is no God.

TAKEO, YOU HAVE BEEN CHOSEN BY GOD.

YOU'RE A CHILD OF THE LORD.

A child of the Lord...

JAPAN IS SET ON A DREADFULLY DANGEROUS COURSE.

Can you hear the wailing of the wolf?

I GRIEVE FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR COUNTRY AND OUR PLANET.

This man who claims to be God does not have any power to bring people happiness, but he is a master of bringing misfortune.

Kanehira Aiichiro. Founder of the Nirvana Church of Creation.

Chapter 02 Transfiguration

Kikuchi
Takeo

The Wolf...

is coming...

SFX: Roaaaar

SFX: Crunch

To devour me!

SFX: Auuuughhhh!

SFX: Glub Glub

SFX: Phew...

The wolf...

WAS IT THE USUAL NIGHTMARE WHERE A WOLF DEVOURED YOU?

IT SOUNDED LIKE YOU WERE HAVING A NIGHTMARE...

THE WOLF HATES ME.

DESPISES ME.

IT THINKS ITS DESTINY IS TO KILL ME.

KIKUCHI TAKEO...

Master Kanehira Aiichiro

A "SECOND-GENERATION BELIEVER", WHO BECAME A PART OF THE SECURITY DEPARTMENT'S CANIS DIVISION, IN WHICH HE LEARNED ALL KINDS OF MARTIAL ARTS AND KILLING TECHNIQUES. HE HAS CONTRIBUTED IMMENSELY TO THE CAUSE OF THE ORGANIZATION, BY EXECUTING MANY OF OUR ENEMIES.

YOU SHOULD KNOW HER QUITE WELL...

YES, HIS MOTHER WAS A DEVOUT BELIEVER.

IF HE'S A SECOND GENERATION BELIEVER, THAT MUST MEAN HIS PARENTS WERE BELIEVERS?

Kanji: Love

...I AP-PRECIATE THE LESSON.

A GOOD MAN NEVER REVEALS WHAT HE IS REALLY THINKING.

HOH HOH HOH HOH... MUDO,

HOH HOH
HOH HOH...
IT'S POSSIBLE
THAT KIKUCHI
TAKEO IS EVEN
MORE DIVINE
THAN I.

THE
DIVINE
ONE...

THE
WOLF...

HOH HOH
HOH HOH...
I DO NOT WISH
TO BE KILLED BY
ONE OF MY OLD
GUARD DOGS.

HE IS
REASSURING
AS AN ALLY,
BUT TERRIFYING
AS AN ENEMY.

THIS ARREST
WARRANT HAS
ALREADY BEEN
DISTRIBUTED
TO ALL THE
FAITHFUL.

Apostate Wanted

Kikuchi Takeo

Height 183cm Weight 84k

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Kikuchi Takeo possesses superhuman strength and dexterity...

He is also adept at manipulating a wire made out of a special alloy, called the "Fangblade Wire", and it can cut through people like a hot knife through butter.

When Kikuchi Takeo was in Canis, he was called "The Immortal Wolf Protected by God"...

Providence, you say?

Because he always came out alive, even in the most desperate of situations. He has such good luck, you could almost call it providence.

WE HAVE OVER FIVE THOUSAND BELIEVERS, IN 250 BRANCHES THROUGHOUT JAPAN.

WE'LL FIND HIM SOONER OR LATER.

EXCUSE ME.

I HAVE A DELIVERY FOR YOU.

YOU'RE PRETENDING TO BE A COURIER TO PUSH ME TO JOIN YOUR PSYCHOTIC CULT!?

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS? THIS IS A RELIGIOUS PAMPHLET!

The Light of Happiness

I WANTED TO GIVE YOU THIS.

The Nirvana Church of Creation

WHY DON'T YOU ATTEND ONE OF OUR SEMINARS?

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND THE NIRVANA CHURCH OF CREATION, MA'AM.

THAT'S QUITE ENOUGH! I HAVE NO INTEREST IN RELIGION!

My once-beautiful mother stopped wearing makeup.

YOU EXPECT ME TO JOIN YOUR SHADY RELIGIOUS GROUP?

And she stopped smiling.

She stopped dressing up.

SFX: Frushh

SFX: Sniffle

MOTHER.

Until finally...

YOU CAN GO TO HELL!

She became a witch!

WE'VE BEEN PURE LAND BUDDHISTS FOR GENERATIONS!

STOP PUTTING THESE PAMPHLETS IN OUR MAIL BOXES!

YOU'RE FREE TO DO WHATEVER YOU WANT, BUT THINK ABOUT YOUR POOR SON!

DON'T TRY AND USE YOUR SON TO GET US TO JOIN!

MOTHER... W...WHY DON'T WE STOP!?

SFX: Slap

AND WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK FOR GROWING UP TO BE SUCH A HEALTHY BOY?

SAY IT! WHO DO YOU HAVE TO THANK?

SOCIETY WOULD COLLAPSE IF WE WERE SO SELFISH THAT WE ONLY CARED FOR OUR OWN HAPPINESS!

WE ARE TRYING TO BRING HAPPINESS TO THESE PEOPLE!

WE LIVE ONLY BECAUSE GOD WILLS IT.

TAKEO... WE'RE ALL PART OF GOD'S PLAN.

I... I'LL NEVER SAY I WANT TO QUIT AGAIN...

I... I'M SORRY!

SFX: Skreeeeek

I ALMOST RAN OVER YOU!

WHERE THE FUCK ARE YOU LOOKING!?

OH, THANK YOU...

BE CAREFUL, YOU DUMB-ASS!

I'VE BEEN LIVING ALONE SINCE MY HUSBAND DIED THREE YEARS AGO.

THANK YOU FOR CARRYING ME BACK HOME...

MY CHILDREN DON'T EVEN SEE ME ANYMORE, AND I HAVEN'T SEEN MY GRANDCHILDREN IN YEARS...

...

OH! I GOT SO LOST IN THE CONVERSATION, THAT I HAVEN'T EVEN OFFERED YOU A CUP OF TEA!

I'M SORRY.

PERHAPS PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY ARE HAPPIER IF THEY DON'T LIVE LONG...

I HAVE SOME DELICIOUS BISCUITS FOR YOU TO TRY!

!

P... PLEASE DON'T DO THIS.

You're a dog of Nirvana, aren't you?

SAFE FIRE

YOU'RE THE DESERTER KIKUCHI TAKEO!

CLICK

CLICK

I SERVED AS A "DOG OF NIRVANA" FOR FIFTY YEARS!

SFX: Clatter

SFX: Ratatatatat

PURGE THE APOSTATE WITH BLOOD...

SFX: Ratatatatat

SFX: Crash

SFX: Shatter

HGAAHH!

SFX: Ratatatatat

SFX: Snap

SFX: Tmp

WHAT THE!?

SFX: Boom

SFX: Ratatatat

PAUUUH!

SFX: Ratatatatat

I'VE HAD FIFTY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE! DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MANY SCREAMS I'VE HEARD FROM THE PEOPLE I'VE PUT TO DEATH?

SFX: Skraaashh

WHY DIDN'T YOU DETAIN HIM UNTIL OUR ARRIVAL?

I THOUGHT I COULD KILL HIM.

...SO YOU LET KIKUCHI ESCAPE?

IF YOU SEE KIKUCHI TAKEO, YOU HAVE TO INFORM THE DEPARTMENT OF SECURITY.

YOU'RE NO LONGER OUR DOG. YOU'RE JUST A LAYWOMAN NOW.

MOBILIZE THE BELIEVERS IN THIS DISTRICT AND COMB THE AREA FOR HIM.

KIKUCHI ESCAPED BAREFOOT. HE CAN'T HAVE GONE FAR.

state Wanted

Kikuchi Takeo

ight 183cm Weight
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e nearest branch

Church of Creati
Department o

AND DISTRIBUTE THE ARREST WARRANT TO EACH BRANCH.

MR. MUDO, WHAT DO I DO?

SFX: Swisssh

ヒュン

SQUEEZE

SFX: Beep Beep

AH, YES... I FORGOT...

SFX: Thud

HELLO, MASTER? IT'S MUDO.

KIKUCHI HAD ESCAPED AFTER KILLING A BELIEVER.

THAT MAN IS A HEARTLESS MONSTER. HE STABBED AN INNOCENT ELDERLY WOMAN THROUGH THE HEAD.

SFX: Step

SO THIS IS WHERE YOU WERE HIDING.

Chapter 03 Brother

DRUG ADDICT IN FUJIMI DISTRICT APPEARS TO BE ON THE RUN USING A BABY AS A SHIELD!

POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ALL UNITS! POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ALL UNITS!

STEP THE FUCK BACK!

STOP FUCKING CRYING!

SFX: Wahh Wahh

FUCK OFF, OTHERWISE, I'LL KILL HIM! I DON'T GIVE A SHIT IF HE'S MY OWN SON!

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NOOO! DON'T DO IT, DEAR!

I GAVE UP ON EATING MEAT.

DID YOU KNOW THAT I'M A VEGETARIAN?

WHAT THE FUCK DO YOU WANT!?

THEY SAY THAT THE CHILD ALWAYS SUFFERS FROM HIS PARENT'S STUPIDITY.

WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH ANYTHING NOW?

SFX: Thud Thud

SFX: Thud Thud

THE FUCK!?

IF I GIVE YOU A MEDIUM KICK, I'LL BREAK YOUR RIBS. I COULD EVEN RUPTURE A LUNG.

LISTEN TO ME, YOU MAGGOT. IF I GIVE YOU A LOW KICK, I'LL BREAK YOUR LEG.

NOW, CHOOSE!

IF I DO A HIGH KICK, I'LL BREAK YOUR NECK.

SFX: Thud Thud Thud

I GET IT...

WHAT THE FUCK ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!?

SFX: Craaaash

YOU WANT THE FULL COURSE!

CRACK
CRACK

SFX: Crush

SFX: Tmp

YOU DON'T NEED SPEED FOR ME TO GIVE YOU A FIX!

AH!

YOU'RE A PUNK-ASS BITCH WHO COULDN'T EVEN MAKE IT WITH THE YAKUZA...

SFX: Fwoosh

NOOOOO!

SFX: Grab

OFFICER KIKUCHI, WE'VE GOT A ONE EIGHT SEVEN IN HIYOSHI DISTRICT!

BLEEEH!

Hee hee hee!

...DAMN, TODAY'S A BUSY DAY...

POLICE LINE DO NOT CROSS POLICE LINE

WAS IT A ROBBERY...?

THE VICTIM IS SUGAYA KIN, AGE 78.

AND IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THE VICTIM WAS KILLED BY A FIREARM.

WE HAVEN'T FOUND ANY GUNS YET.

LOOKS A LITTLE EXTREME FOR A ROBBERY. THE WALL'S RIDDLED WITH BULLETS.

Kanehira Aiichiro...

AH...

NO!

THIS IS GIN, TWIN SISTER OF THE VICTIM.

KIN, WAKE UP, PLEASE!

NOOOOOO!

THE VICTIM APPEARED TO BE AN ADHERENT OF A NEW RELIGION.

HUH?

TELL ME! WHO WAS IT!?

TELL ME WHO KILLED YOU, KIN!

The Nirvana Church of Creation.

WHAT'S UP? IT'S REALLY LATE, GUYS...

IS TOMOHITO HOME?

EXCUSE ME!

WE CAME BY TO SHOW YOU "HAMSUKE"!

WE ARE THE BAKA ANGERS! WE FIGHT TO PRESERVE WORLD PEACE!

HEY KIDS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE DINNER WITH US TONIGHT?

OF COURSE! THANK YOU!

ALRIGHT! SALISBURY STEAK!

YOU CAN WATCH TV AND EAT MEAT!

YOUR FAMILY IS SO AWESOME!

YOU GUYS USED THE HAMSTER AS AN EXCUSE TO HAVE DINNER HERE, DIDN'T YOU?

SFX: Skraaashh

TAKEO, EAT AS MUCH AS YOU WANT.

SFX: Splat

S... SPARKY...

AIIEEEEEE!

M...
MOTHER!

KAN, WHY WON'T YOU UNDER-STAND!?

SFX: Whack

SFX: Whack Whack Whack

WHY DON'T YOU LISTEN TO YOUR MOTHER, LIKE TAKEO DOES!?

MEAT IS UNCLEAN! YOU MUST NOT EAT IT!

AND HE WANTS TO WATCH TELEVISION AND READ COMIC BOOKS AND PLAY VIDEO GAMES!

I KNOW THAT TAKEO WANTS TO EAT MEAT, TOO!

MY SON...

WE CAN'T HELP WHAT WE LIKE, EVEN IF GOD SAYS IT'S WRONG!

NOOOOO!

I'M ASHAMED OF YOU...

HUH?

I'VE HAD TO KILL IT SO YOU COULD EAT IT!

COME ON, EAT! WHAT'S THE MATTER!?

IF YOU WANT TO EAT MEAT SO MUCH, EAT TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT!

SFX: Crunch Crunch Crunch

SFX: Scrub Scrub

...

EAT THE FLESH OF YOUR HAMSTER...

AGENT KIKUCHI, WE FOUND THIS ON THE GROUND.

Apostate

"APOSTATE" HERE MEANS A TRAITOR, RIGHT?

THIS MAN COULD HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE MURDER.

Takeo...

Kikuchi Takeo

Height 183cm Weight 84kg

see this man, you should report

est branch of the Church.

adquarters,

YOU WERE EASY TO LOCATE, THANKS TO YOUR TRANSMITTER.

SO THIS IS WHERE YOU WERE HIDING.

SFX: Hmph

HELLO, SHIN...

COME ON, LET'S GO HOME, KIKUCHI.

THE "DOGS OF NIRVANA" ARE EVERYWHERE AROUND HERE.

Kikuchi
Kan

KIKU, WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD...?

YOU DO KNOW THAT THE CHURCH'S HEAD OFFICE IS HERE, RIGHT?

Chapter 04 Sorrow

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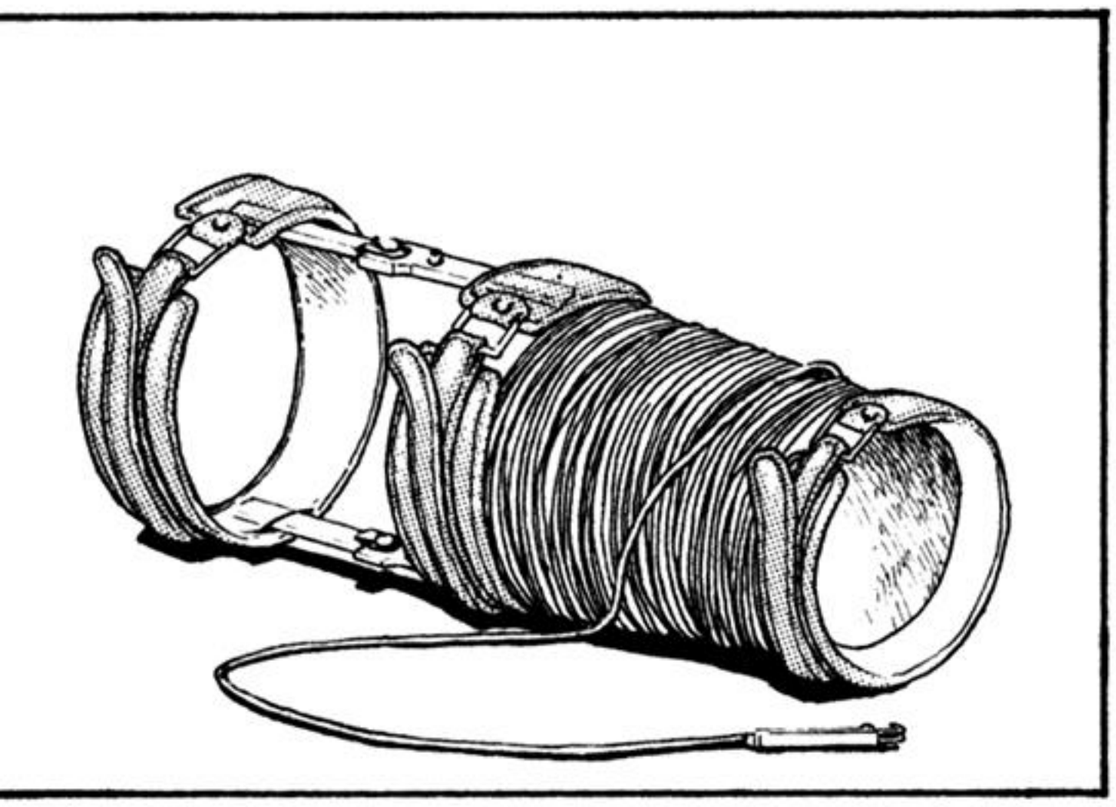
YOUR MOTHER...

YOU'RE LOOKING FOR HER, AREN'T YOU?

Chapter 04 Sorrow

THIS CAR LOOKS SUSPICIOUS. WE BETTER INFORM THE SECURITY DEPARTMENT.

DAMN. LOOKS LIKE THEY FOUND THE CAR.



YOU DON'T WANT TO RUN BAREFOOT. TEAR UP YOUR SWEATSHIRT AND WRAP IT AROUND YOUR FOOT.

LUCKILY, I BROUGHT YOUR WEAPON.

SFX: Skreeeek

WE FOUND IT BEHIND THE FACTORY.

SFX: Sniff Sniff

YES, HE'S HERE...

MY SENSE OF SMELL IS BETTER THAN A POLICE DOG'S. I'M CERTAIN OF IT!

KIKUCHI TAKEO, "THE MAN WITH A WOLF ON HIS BACK", IS NEARBY...

I have sealed off my emotions deep within my heart, ever since then...

I robbed countless lives as the Church ordered.

I have committed so many sins that no hellfire could redeem me.

Destroying the Church is my atonement!

YOU HAVEN'T PAID FOR THOSE, HAVE YOU?

AH!

H... HEY, TAKEO, LET'S JET!!

COME NOW... LET ME SEE THEM.

SFX: Frush Frush

SAFETY OFFICE

SFX: Tap Tap

SFX: Wham

SAFETY OFFICE

SFX: Tap Tap

M... MOM!

YOU'RE THEIR MOTHER? SORRY TO BRING YOU HERE.

KAN... DO YOU...

WANT TO GO TO HELL?

...

DRINK THIS WATER BLESSED BY MASTER KANEHIRA AND BE CLEAN!

KEEP DRINKING! YOUR SOUL IS FILTHY!

MMH!

MMH!

SFX: Glub Glub

Bottle: Blessed Water

SFX: Glub Glub

YOUR HEART WILL BE PURIFIED AND YOU WILL BE REBORN!

COME ON! DRINK IT DRY!

MMH!

MMH!

UHH!

CONFESS YOUR SINS TO MASTER KANEHIRA, AND HE WILL FORGIVE YOU!

MMH!

DON'T BE AFRAID! I WILL SAVE YOU!

AND SPIT OUT ALL YOUR EVIL!

MMGH!

SFX: Swisshhhh

SFX: Slap

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING!?

HE DID THIS BECAUSE YOU WON'T GIVE HIM ANY!

I KNOW, BUT THIS IS NO WAY TO PUNISH HIM!

BUT DEAR, KAN COMMITTED THEFT! HE SHOPLIFTED SOME CANDY!

KUH!

KUH!

Green Peppers

涅槃農場

Carrots

涅槃農場

涅槃農場産

Cabbage

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重量	5kg

涅槃農場

THE FOOD THEY SELL AT THE SUPERMARKETS ARE FULL OF ADDITIVES!

THAT'S WHY I ONLY GIVE THEM SAFE FOODS GROWN AT THE CHURCH'S FARMS!

WHAT DID YOU SAY?

I DO THIS FOR THE SAKE OF OUR FAMILY!

YOU'VE BEEN EATING MEAT OR FISH, HAVEN'T YOU!?

YES, BUT STILL...

YOUR BODY IS GIVING OFF A FILTHY ODOR!

YOU STINK!

YOU'RE FREE TO FALL FOR THAT ABSURD CULT THAT MIXES CHRIST AND BUDDHA, BUT DON'T INVOLVE THE REST OF THE FAMILY!

WELL, YES! I HAD MEAT AND FISH FOR LUNCH! SO WHAT!?

MASTER KANEHIRA IS THE ONE WHO WILL PURIFY OUR SOULS, AND YOU CALL HIS TEACHINGS ABSURD!?

ABSURD CULT...?

DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND!? MONEY IS FILLED WITH PEOPLE'S "DESIRES"!

WE WOULD BE EVEN UNHAPPIER IF THE CHURCH DIDN'T PURIFY US!

IT'S IMPURE! AND YOU'RE A BANKER, SOILED IN MONEY...

FORCING THE CHILDREN INTO POVERTY!

THAT'S RIGHT! YOU'VE DONATED MOST OF OUR SALARY TO THIS CHURCH...

HOW CAN YOU CALL THAT "LOVE" OR "HAPPINESS"!?

AND IT'S YOUR FAULT THAT KAN BECAME A THIEF!

IT'S YOUR FAULT TAKEO CAME DOWN WITH THAT ILLNESS!

KAN DIDN'T SHOPLIFT.

N... NO...

I DID IT. I WANTED SOME TREATS TO TAKE ALONG ON MY FIELD TRIP...

I'M SORRY ...

...

So my parents divorced.

Kan went to live with my father and I with my mother.

I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE HER ALONE.

TAKEO, WHY ARE YOU GOING WITH MOM?

AND...

SHE MAY BECOME KIND AND GENTLE AGAIN, LIKE SHE USED TO BE.

AND I WON'T BE AROUND TO PROTECT YOU ANYMORE...

BUT YOU'RE TOO WEAK...

Kan and I were best of friends... There was nothing more difficult than parting ways with him.

DON'T CRY, DUMMY...

YOU HAVE TO BE STRONG!

I'M HOME!

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Sign: Kikuchi

YOU MUST BE HUNGRY! I'LL FIX DINNER SOON...

YOU LIKE IT?

WELL, WE'VE GOT ANOTHER DANGEROUS CASE ON OUR HANDS.

HEY DAD,
I WONDER WHAT
TAKEO'S UP
TO NOW..

!

THERE'S SO MANY BELIEVERS HERE!

My battle with the Church is my atonement.

SFX: Vrrrrrr

DEAR KIN, IT'S TIME FOR ME TO AVENGE YOU!

Kan and
Takeo

THE BELIEVERS ARE SWARMING HERE LIKE ZOMBIES!

Chapter 05 The Assassin's Pride

*Secret incantation to revere God. Scriptures.

I WILL BURY KIKUCHI TAKEO MYSELF.

YOU STAY HERE CHANTING MANTRAS* AND WATCHING THE EXITS.

WE'LL HAVE TO FIGHT, KIKU.

LOOKS LIKE THE SECURITY'S A LITTLE TIGHTER TODAY.

KIKUCHI TAKEO HAS BEEN SPOTTED NEAR THE (NIRVANA CHURCH OF CREATION) HEADQUARTERS.

ACCORDING TO GIN'S NOSE, HE'S HIDING IN AN ABANDONED FACTORY.

MUDO, YOU KILLED KIN, DID YOU NOT?

KIN HAS SERVED ME FOR OVER FIFTY YEARS.

WHY DID YOU KILL KIN?

...

HER SISTER'S MURDER HAS CAUSED THE VENGEFUL GIN'S MOTIVATION TO PEAK.

KIN AND GIN ARE MONOZYGOTIC TWINS, BUT GIN IS THE FAR GREATER ASSASSIN OF THE TWO.

I SIMPLY SACRIFICED HER SO HER SISTER GIN COULD MAKE A COMEBACK.

YES.

YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT YOU HAD TO DRIVE GIN THAT FAR TO DEFEAT THE WOLF?

HE'S NOT MENTALLY RUTHLESS ENOUGH TO KILL ANYONE SOCIETY PERCEIVES AS WEAK.

BUT KIKUCHI TAKEO WILL NOT BE ABLE TO KILL GIN.

I INVOKE MY MERCY UPON ALL LIVING BEINGS...

HATRED CANNOT END BY HATRED. ONLY BY LOVE.

MS. GIN SAID THAT HE'S HIDING HERE!!

LET'S SPLIT UP AND FIND HIM!

SFX: Tap Tap

HUH!?

SFX: Bang Bang

SFX: Tap

WAUGH!

I HEARD SHOTS AND SCREAMS COMING FROM THAT WAY!

SFX: Snap

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SFX: Swishhhh

HGAAAH!

SFX: Tug Tug

SFX: Flip

SFX: Swooosh

SFX: Fsshhh

SFX: Stomp

SFX: Whirl

SO YOU'RE KIKUCHI TAKEO, THE DESERTER.

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Small SFX: Whirl Whirl

Big SFX: Thud Thud

SFX: Whirl

SFX: Whirl

BUT I HAD NO CHOICE FOR THE SAKE OF DEFENDING OUR FAITH.

IT WAS NOT MY DESIRE TO KILL THEM...

I HAVE PUT NINETY-NINE ENEMIES OF THE CHURCH TO DEATH OVER THE PAST FIFTY YEARS...

AND THAT WAS MY ASCETIC PRACTICE.

WHAT SOCIETY VIEWS AS "MURDER", OUR DOCTRINE CALLS "SALVATION"!

BULLSHIT! YOU CAN'T SAVE ANYONE BY MURDERING THEM!

SFX: Bang Bang

SFX: Ratatatatat

IF THEY HAD LIVED, THEY WOULD HAVE COMMITTED YET MORE EVIL! I REMAIN IN THE HUMAN WORLD ONLY TO END THE LIVES OF THE HELLBOUND!

MY SOUL SHALL ASCEND ON HIGH!

SFX: Slashhh

SHIN!

KCH!

BUT... YOU'RE ANOTHER STORY.

KIN AND I WERE TWINS! HER PAIN IS MY PAIN!

MY HUNDREDTH VICTIM IS ONE I TRULY DESIRE TO KILL!

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AND HER TEARS ARE MY TEARS!

SFX: Ratatatatat

KIN IS CRYING, BEGGING ME TO AVENGE HER!

SFX: Whoosh / Whirl

SFX: Grab

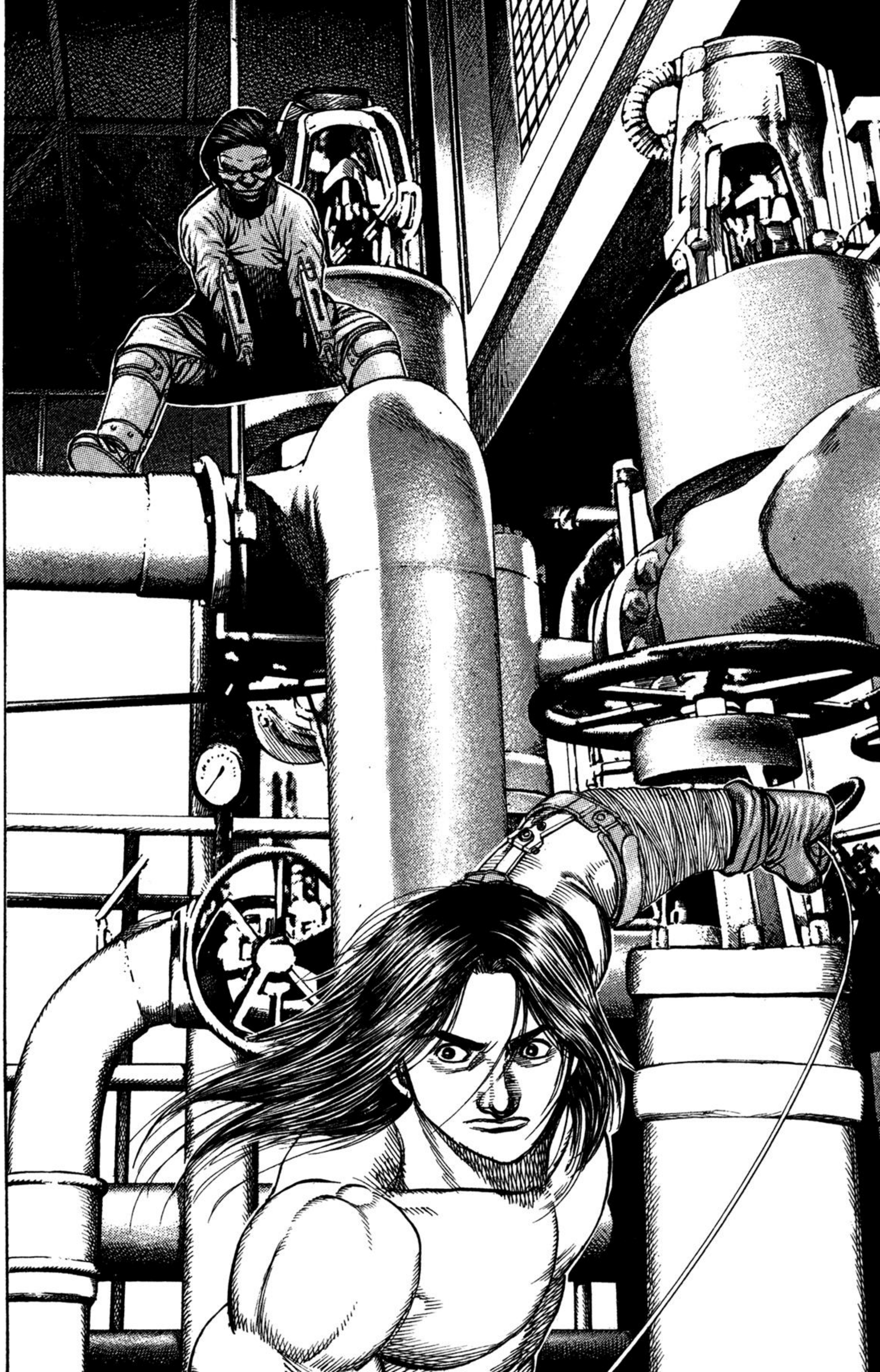
GRAB

AHHH!

SFX: Skreeeek

SFX: Fwooosh

SFX: Craaaaash



KIKUCHI TAKEO, YOU ARE AS DAMNED AS YOUR MOTHER.

My mother!?

Chapter 06 The Spider's Web

YOU ARE AS DAMNED AS YOUR MOTHER.

KIKUCHI TAKEO...

I KNEW YOUR MOTHER WELL...

SHE WAS A WICKED WOMAN.

SFX: Whirl Whirl

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YOUR GREEDY MOTHER OFFERED HERSELF TO MASTER KANEHIRA TO RECEIVE HIS BLESSING.

AND SHE HAD THE SHY FACE OF A VIRGIN, DESPITE HAVING GIVEN BIRTH TO TWO CHILDREN.

SFX: Slurp

BUT MASTER KANEHIRA SAW ALL.

HE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF HER AND WALKED AWAY.

THE POOR GIRL FELL INTO DESPAIR...

AND TRIED TO KILL HERSELF BY FIRE, TAKING YOU WITH HER.

YOU WERE VERY NEARLY KILLED BY YOUR OWN MOTHER.

AND THAT'S WHERE YOU GOT YOUR WOLF-SHAPED KELOID.

AND YOUR MOTHER WENT MISSING.

THE CHURCH THEN TOOK CUSTODY OF YOU...

SHE TRIED TO KILL YOU, THEN ABANDONED YOU TO A LIFE FULL OF HARDSHIPS.

I'M SURE YOU MUST HATE YOUR MOTHER.

YOU HAVE NO ONE TO HATE BUT YOUR OWN DESTINY.

THEY SAY "THE SINS OF THE FATHER ARE TO BE LAID UPON THE CHILDREN."

KIKU...

I NEVER HATED MY MOTHER...

I JUST... WISH SHE WOULD HAVE KILLED ME.

BUT YOUR DEATH WON'T END YOUR SUFFERING!

FOR YOU WILL GO TO THE EIGHTH HELL, WHERE THE DEMON'S TORTURE WILL NEVER CEASE!

OHHH... SO YOU WANT TO GO TO HELL?

WELL, I CAN ARRANGE THAT.

SFX: Bang

GET DOWN, KIKU!

SFX: Chink Chink

SFX: Fwooosh

!

GET OUT OF MY WAY! ARE YOU ANOTHER DESERTER?

SFX: Ratatatat

I'VE HEARD THAT THE DESERTERS HAVE BANDED TOGETHER AND ARE PLOTTING TO TAKE DOWN THE CHURCH!

KCH!

IS THAT BITCH WITH YOU!?

SFX: Whooosh

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SFX: Tap

GRAB

I have no "fear" of death.

I don't think of taking my own "life"...

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but I still expect "death".

SFX: Frushhh

AUHH!

My hands are so stained with blood that it will never wash off.

I have taken too many innocent lives.

DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE ME, DESERTER!

Their dying screams still ring in my ears.

GRAB

My sins will not be forgiven by repentance.

GRAB

SFX: Fssshhhh

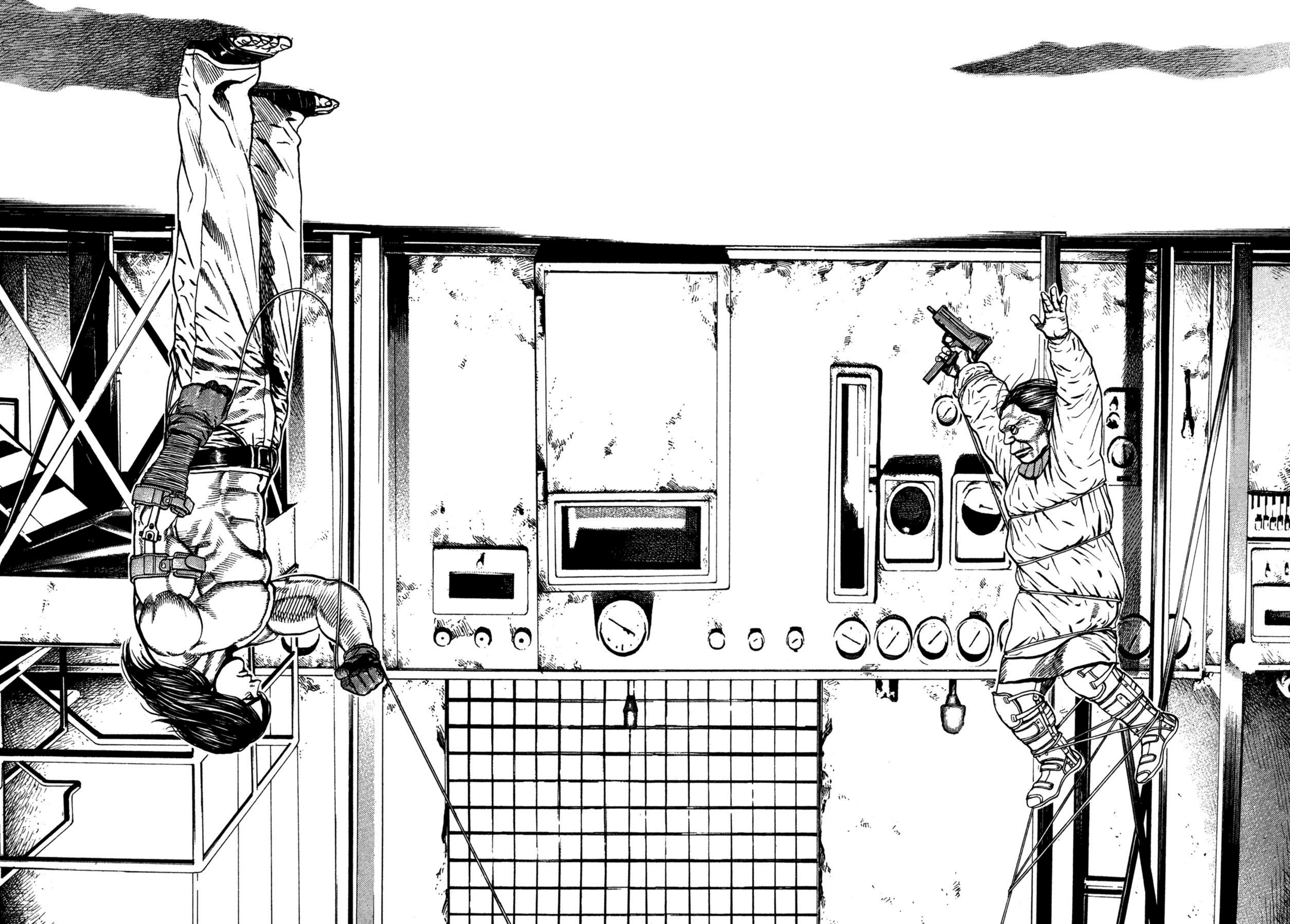
KCH!

SFX: Whirl

My death alone will not atone for my sins.

AUUHHH!

SFX: Stomp



KILL ME...
KILL ME OR I
WILL HUNT YOU
DOWN AGAIN.

AND EVEN IF
YOU ESCAPE ME,
THERE WILL BE
OTHERS ON
YOUR TRAIL.

THERE'S
NO POINT
IN RUNNING.
I WILL CHASE
YOU TO THE
ENDS OF THE
EARTH.

MASTER KANEHIRA SEES ALL!

YOU WILL NEVER ESCAPE THE NIRVANA CHURCH OF CREATION!

KILL ME AS YOU KILLED MY SISTER KIN.

WHY DON'T YOU KILL ME...?

THERE'S A BUDDHIST PROVERB THAT GOES: TO UNDERGO DISCIPLINE WITHOUT KNOWING YOUR GURU'S NATURE IS NO DIFFERENT FROM DRINKING POISON.

Y... YOU DON'T MEAN...

THAT YOU WEREN'T THE ONE WHO KILLED KIN?

THAT THE CHURCH KILLED HER!?

SFX: Bang

YOU CANNOT DEFEAT THE EVIL WE'RE UP AGAINST WITHOUT BEING RUTHLESS.

KIKU, FORGET YOUR MERCY!

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SFX: Whirl Whirl

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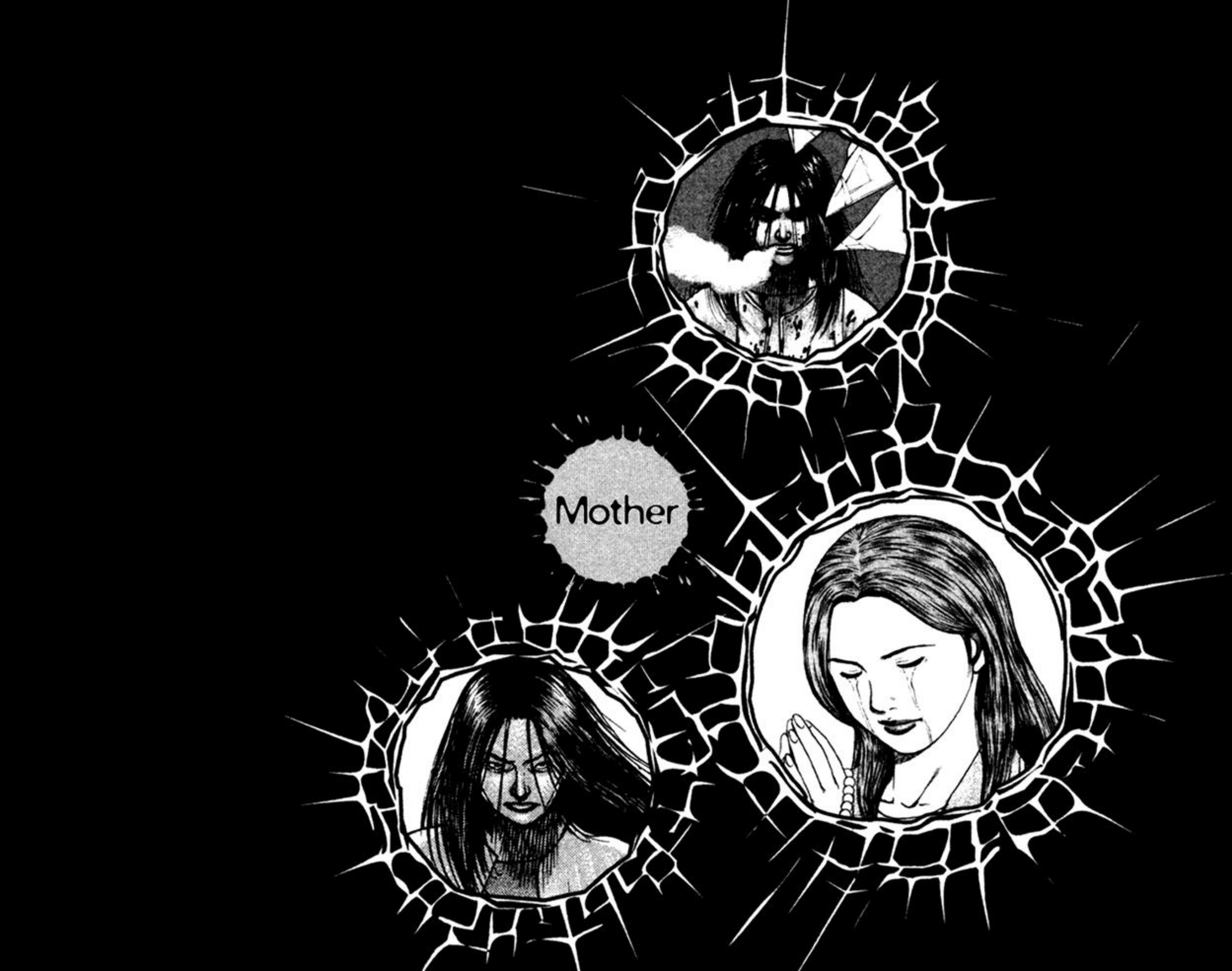
This world is Hell...

Living is hell, and surviving my atonement.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AND OUR DONATIONS?

OUR REVENUE FROM REAL ESTATE AND AGRICULTURE HAS DECLINED EVEN MORE THAN OUR OTHER CHURCH-RELATED BUSINESSES.

THEY ARE ALSO SIGNIFICANTLY LOW COMPARED TO LAST YEAR...

...CALL FOR MORE DONATIONS.

THESE DONATIONS BRING "PIETY" AND "BLESSINGS" TO OUR BELIEVERS.

AND WE HAVE COLLECTED EIGHT BILLION YEN AS OF TODAY.

BUT WE HAVE ENCOURAGED SPECIAL DONATIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MAIN SANCTUARY CEREMONY IN THREE YEARS...

YOU MADE MY WIFE BECOME A NUN WITH YOUR BULLSHIT DOCTRINES...

KANEHIRA!

YOU FUCKING CORRUPT PREACHER!

GET YOUR FILTHY FUCKING HANDS OFF ME! I'LL KILL HIM!

WHO'S THAT?

DON'T WORRY ABOUT HIM. HE'S JUST THE USUAL FOOL WHO REPAYS KINDNESS WITH RESENTMENT.

SFX: Slam

A MOUNTAIN FOREST...?

HE OWNS A VAST MOUNTAIN FOREST IN O-X PREFECTURE.

THAT MAN MANAGES A LUMBER TRADE.

CURRENTLY, THE CEREMONY BUSINESS IS RAISING THE MOST REVENUE AMONG CHURCH BUSINESSES.

AND SELLING THESE PLOTS AT TWO MILLION YEN EACH YIELDS A SALE OF TWENTY BILLION YEN.

A FIVE THOUSAND SQUARE METER PLOT, FOR INSTANCE, CAN HOLD AT LEAST TEN THOUSAND GRAVES.

AND BY IMPORTING GRAVESTONES FROM CHINA, WE CAN REDUCE PRODUCTION TO A TENTH THE COST OF THE SALE.

THE CEMETERY BUSINESS IS TRULY A "MONEY TREE".

ADD IN CEMETERY MANAGEMENT CHARGES, AND THE PROFITS WILL BE ENORMOUS.

I BELIEVE THE FAITHFUL WILL HAPPILY PURCHASE GRAVES FROM THE CHURCH.

ONLY THE TRANSIENTS ARE WITHOUT GRAVES...

SFX: Frushhh Frushhh

SFX: Thud

BURY HIM...

AND HE IS OUR FIRST BURIAL.

THIS MOUNTAIN WILL SOON BE A CHURCH CEMETERY.

NAKATA, I KNOW YOU'RE STUDYING HARD FOR THE UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE EXAMS, BUT PLEASE, DON'T OVERDO IT.

LIFE ISN'T ALL ABOUT GETTING INTO A GOOD UNIVERSITY.

GOODBYE. REMEMBER TO GO STRAIGHT HOME.

SEE YA, TEACH!

GOODBYE!

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN LIFE IS...

But really, he's an assassin for the Rural Security Department of the Nirvana Church of Creation.

Kuribayashi Daijiro. On the surface, a simple girls' school teacher.

He was one of the perpetrators in the kidnapping and murder of the President of Shugakkan Bank three years ago.

Do I have to kill him?

Yes, you do.

OH, WELCOME HOME, SIR!

AH, THANK YOU.

THE VENOMOUS WOLF... KIKUCHI TAKEO...

SFX: Ziiiip

I NEVER WOULD'VE THOUGHT YOU WOULD COME TO ME...

BY THE POWER OF MASTER KANEHIRA...

THIS MUST BE THE WILL OF HEAVEN...

PURGE THE APOSTATE WITH BLOOD!

SFX: Clang Clang

SFX: Clang Clang Clang

GLORY TO THE NIRVANA CHURCH OF CREATION!

SFX: Whoosh / Snap

UGGH!

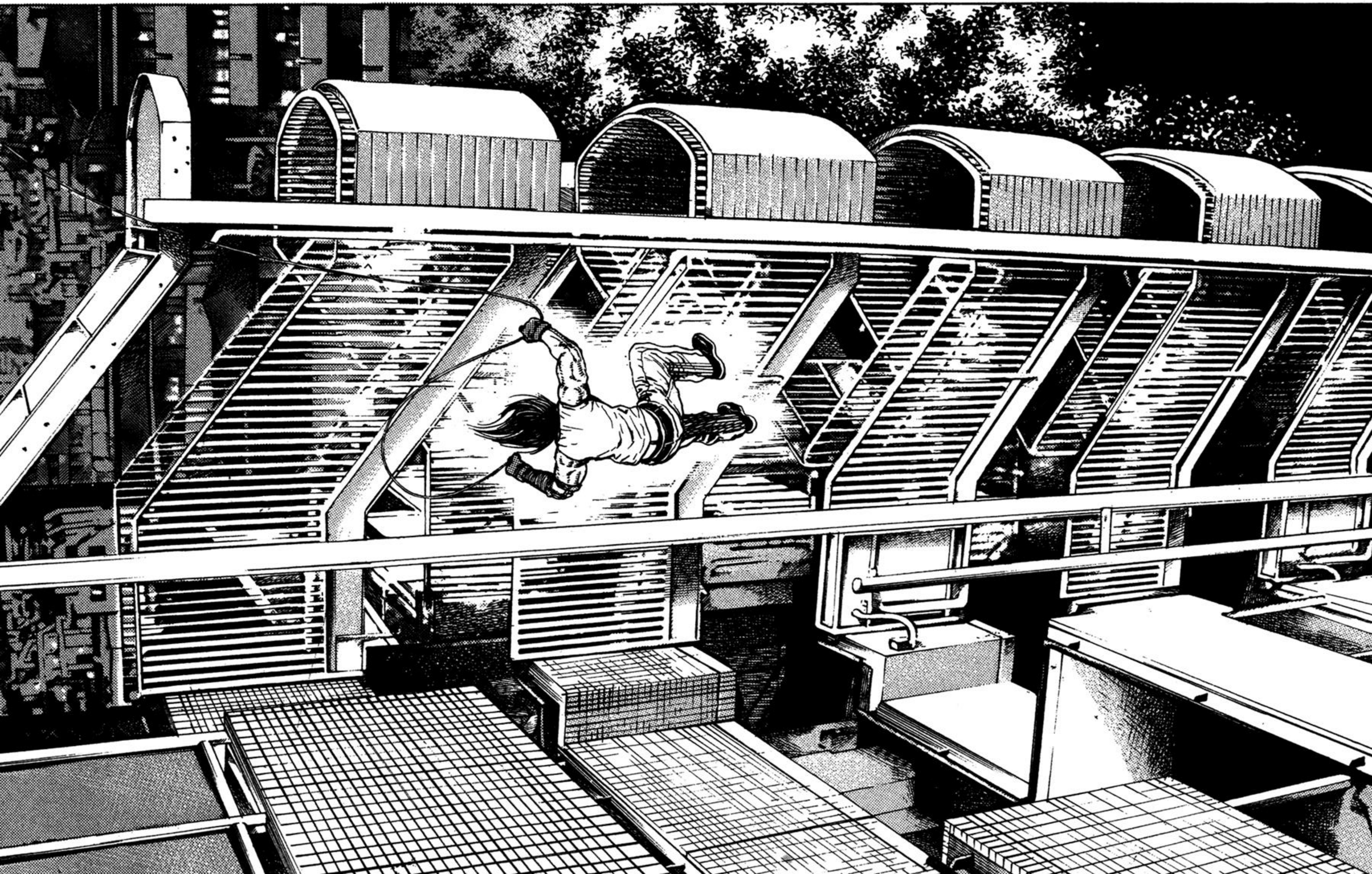
SFX: Yank

KAH!

KAH!

AH!

SFX: Pull Pull



SFX: Slash

SFX: Fwsshh

SFX: Aiieeeee

SFX: Roll Roll

SFX: Thud

YOU LOOK SAD, KIKU...

AND YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF MURDERS AHEAD OF YOU...

Kikuchi Takeo (End)

AND THE HUNTED...

THE HUNTER...

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—毒狼—

TWO BROTHERS WERE SEPARATED, THEIR FAMILY TIES BROKEN BY THE NIRVANA CHURCH OF CREATION... BUT WHEN THEIR PATHS CROSSED AGAIN, ONE WAS A DETECTIVE, AND THE OTHER AN ASSASSIN...

REUINION OF BROTHERS...

THE TRAGIC...

TETSUYA SARUWATARI

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